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Patient cleans toilet, CEO wages soar: Horwath

Ill-health. LHSC denies claim as local man's account puts hospital in spotlight at Queen's Park

Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath called out Health Minister Deb Matthews on Monday after reports that a London hospital patient was told to clean his own toilet.

"This government insists that frontline staff cuts and hospital under funding won't affect care," Horwath said during question period. "Is letting people fend for themselves what the minister has in mind when she talks about transformation in health care?"

London Health Sciences Centre has since released a statement saying the allegation isn't true.

"We have investigated the circumstances and have been in communication with the patient," Tony LaRocca, vice-president of community and stakeholder relations, said. "All we can say is that we have no record of any such incident ever occurring at our hospital and, simply put, we would never ask a patient to do their own cleaning."

Mary Gillet, director of communications at LHSC, said a complaint from the patient — identified by Horwath as Joseph Cummins — sparked an internal review. Gillet declined further comment, saying hospital policy bars her from discussing individual cases.

Cummins, a retired Western University genetics professor, says he had a small accident in the bathroom. When he asked to have it cleaned up, Cummins says staff told him he would have do it himself because he created the problem. They also told him he needed to learn how to control his bowels, he said.

"I was never asked to clean up my mess, I was told to," he said. "There were many, many witnesses to the fact I cleaned it up."

Said Matthews on the floor at Queen's Park: "We are undertaking a tremendous transformation in our healthcare sector right now … and we are seeing the results of focusing on the community sector. We're also really focusing on improving the quality of care in our hospitals." ANGELA MULLINS/METRO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

DIG DEEP FOR SCHOOL

Mayor Joe Fontana, right, was one of about 50 people who addressed Thames Valley District School Board trustees Monday night during the final public-input session on the future of Lorne Avenue Public School. Fontana asked for trustees to dig deep and find "courage" to keep the Old East Village school open. About 200 people packed into the school board's meeting chambers, with another 75 watching from the atrium. A decision is expected to be made next month. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

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TRIPS

Taxi, limo companies caught in blitz dragnet

London police and bylaw enforcement officers have suspended 21 taxi and limousine licences after a two-day enforcement blitz.

Officials also towed five vehicles from the road after deeming them unsafe and handed out 90 tickets.

Dubbed Project TRIPS (Transportation Random Inspections for Public Safety), the effort was aimed at getting more people to play by the rules.

Changes to the city's taxi and limousine licensing bylaw took effect in July, requiring vehicles be no more than three model years old when brought in to service. The changes also put a cap on the number of years vehicles can remain on the road. METRO

Ontario

Gap between rich and poor schools widening: Report

The reliance on fees and fundraising in Ontario public schools is creating a two-tier system that limits poorer students' access to special programs and extracurriculars, despite the province's efforts to level the playing field, a new report says.

The average family income at a school influences students' odds of participating in gifted and French immersion programs, extracurricular activities and even some classes, such as academic-level math, according to a report released Monday by the advocacy group People For Education. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Appeals to rename city streets in honour of people or things could soon get expensive as the city looks to add a fee to such requests. The commemorative street name shown above was doled out at the request of the mayor's office at the start of the London Knights' 2012-13 season. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

I'd nominate you, but cash is tight right now

$250. City pitches price tag for commemorative street name requests

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Know a Londoner, business or sports team deserving of their very own street?

Pretty soon, it could cost you a pretty penny to simply make the suggestion.

City staff is pitching a plan that would see people charged a $250 application fee to ask that a street or portion of it be donned with a commemorative name.

If the idea gets council approval, people will also be on the hook for tax assessed to the application fee, the cost of a commemorative sign and fees associated with installation.

The proposal aims to cover administrative costs associated with the application process, city clerk Cathy Saunders said.

The program allows special names to be added to existing street names. It is not to be confused with the renaming of roads, such as the way Veterans Memorial Parkway replaced Airport Road.

Commemorative street naming is actually a "very, very new project," said Frank Gerrits, who works in development services for the city.

The city's not exactly overloaded with suggestions.

"Presently, there is just one, I just don't think too many people know about it yet," Gerrits said.

That one, he said, London Knights Way (a second moniker added to Covent Market Place), came at the request of the mayor's office following the hockey team's 2012 Ontario Hockey League championship and national title run.

The suggested application fee is based on a comparison of the price tag in similar-sized cities.

At a glance

- User fees account for a fair amount of small change in the city.
- Six cents of every $1 that flows into city coffers comes from user fees.
- Those associated with parks and recreation generate the most revenue.

Two charged. Cocaine found in apartment near Mitches Park, police say

Two Londoners are facing charges after police seized $13,000 worth of drugs and $4,180 from a south-end apartment.

Alexander Theriault, 23, and Michelle Geldart, 38, are each charged with trafficking and possession of property obtained by crime.

Geldart also faces a charge of breaching a release condition.

Police said they found about four ounces of cocaine and a half ounce of crack cocaine in the apartment near Sandringham Crescent and Wilkins Street. A search warrant was served Friday. METRO

Tickets on sale Friday

ZZ Top gotsta get paid: London part of band's tour list

That little ol' band from Texas is coming to London.

ZZ Top will perform Nov. 6 at Budweiser Gardens as part of an international tour. The tour comes on the heels of the band's 2012 release of La Futura, its first studio album in nine years. METRO

Unsecured load. Cops say canoe flew into path of motorcycle, injuring two

A North Middlesex man has been charged after a canoe being hauled on his pickup came loose and caused two London motorcyclists to crash.

The crash happened early Sunday afternoon in Adelaide-Metcalfe Township, police said. Rolland Boyd, 49, and Teresa Niskaria, 49, — who were riding on the same motorcycle — were airlifted to London Health Sciences Centre with serious injuries.

Curtis Diemert, 20, has been charged with carrying an unsecured load.

Police are reminding people to secure loads tightly, especially when traveling at highway speeds. METRO

A man cycles along Dundas Street on Monday afternoon. A new poll from the Share the Road Cycling Coalition shows more than 60,000 people in Ontario are cycling daily. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

On your left! If you build it, they will ride: Survey

Ontario is at a tipping point when it comes to support for cycling infrastructure and education, according to a new survey.

A whopping 70 per cent of Ontarians believe cyclists need more bike lanes or paved shoulders, and 78 per cent say more people would cycle if infrastructure was improved, the survey from Share the Road Cycling Coalition shows.

The coalition, an advocacy and policy organization, does the poll each year to get a feel for people's attitudes toward bicycling and to help gauge what change is needed.

Cyclists are voters, too

42%

Number of Ontario residents who say they are more likely to vote for a political candidate who makes a strong commitment to funding cycling infrastructure.

This year's poll was conducted May 14-17 by Strategic Communications Inc. of Toronto, using a representative sample of 1,523 adults living in Ontario.

The number of people who reported riding daily rang in at 5.1 per cent, up from four per cent in 2012. About one-third — 31.2 per cent — of Ontario residents say they ride weekly or monthly, an increase of 28 per cent.

Findings were released as Share the Road prepares for its fifth Ontario Bike Summit, an annual gathering of politicians and policy makers from across North America. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Should city show animal shelter kill figures?

Euthanasia. Advocates want city to home in on exactly how many animals are being put down each year at animal control

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London's animal welfare advisory board is urging city officials to use firm numbers instead of percentages to show how many shelter animals are euthanized each year.

As it stands now, language used in city reports shows only a percentage increase or decrease from the pervious year.

It may be a small point, but it could have huge implications, says Sara Rans, a member of the animal welfare advisory committee.

Working with actual numbers as opposed to percentages, she says, keeps the focus where it needs to be.

"It reminds council what they are meaning to do," Rans said. "The biggest weakness we have in current policy is that too many cats and dogs are being killed at the London Animal Care and Control facility."

The request is part of a wider strategy aimed at persuading the city to enact a no-kill policy at the shelter, which takes in lost or abandoned animals.

It's been a hot-button topic in the city for years with animal advocates pointing to other cities that have taken the stance.

A Nordex Research study done in 2010, part of the city's ongoing look into expanding the scope of animal welfare initiatives, showed 54.3 per cent of people questioned were in favour of a no-kill policy.

Rans, and others, would like to see more of the centre's budget invested in public-awareness campaigns encouraging adoption.

"When we run public-awareness campaigns, the issue comes to the forefront of people's minds," Rans said. "We and the city agree on that, but it is partly finding the money to do them."

No-kill policy

54.3%

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Also on the radar

Can't buy a puppy on impulse if it's not for sale

While they push the notion of creating a no-kill policy at the London Animal Care Centre, animal advocates are also planning to launch a campaign aimed at banning retail sales of companion animals.

Advocates, backed by members of the city's animal welfare advisory board, say stopping sales is a step in the right direction to combating dog and cat overpopulation. It would also help eliminate the market for puppy mills, they say.

"We have been waiting for that one for a long time," says Florine Morrison, founder of Animal Outreach, a group that rescues farm animals and cats.

"When people buy on impulse, it can cause a fair bit of over breeding," she said, noting that animals from retailers are neither spayed or neutered.

Hefty fine

Firefighters going on a smoke detector blitz

London firefighters will start canvassing homes this week to check for working smoke detectors.

Ontario laws require that smoke detectors be placed on each storey of a home and near each area where people sleep.

Homeowners who fail to comply can face a $235 fine and up to a year in jail.

Firefighters participating in the canvass have the option of waiving penalties and giving people working smoke detectors or new batteries. METRO

Fresh faces. Western, Fanshawe vying for bigger stake in city affairs

Student leaders from Western University and Fanshawe College are making a bid to see younger faces engaged in city hall.

The leaders want to see a post-secondary student appointed annually to a handful of advisory groups, including those that deal with diversity, heritage, transportation and housing.

They also want to see the city expand options for internships, get students involved in economic development efforts, and have an annual council meeting on one of their campuses.

Tuesday at council

- The proposal will be pitched when council's corporate services committee meets on Tuesday.

The proposal, led by Adam Fernall, president of the University Students' Council at Western, will be pitched when council's corporate services committee meets on Tuesday. METRO

U.K. Tenth arrest made in fatal street slashing

British police arrested a 10th suspect Monday in connection with the vicious street killing of a soldier in London, apparently an Islamic extremist attack.

The 50-year-old man was detained in Welling, east of London, on suspicion of conspiring to murder Lee Rigby, Scotland Yard said. Police gave no further information.

The arrest came as more details trickled out about of one of the two main suspects, who were shot by police.

Officials say the pair had been known to them for some time, but revelations that one, Michael Adebolajo, had been arrested in Kenya in 2010 — and claims that security officials had tried to then recruit him as an informer — have fuelled questions about whether authorities could have done more to prevent last week's killing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

B.C. Family terrorized slain woman, friends say

A B.C. woman whom Indian authorities believe was the victim of an honour killing planned in Canada 13 years ago spent the final months of her life in fear of her family, her friends testified Monday at the extradition hearing of her mother and uncle.

Jaswinder Sidhu was found dead in India at age 25.

Her mother and uncle are facing extradition to India to see conspiracy charges for allegedly unleashing the attack on the woman and her poor, lower-caste husband.

At one time, Sidhu arranged a code with coworker Jody Wright, one of her few confidants, that would initiate a call to police. Wright said she made that call twice.

"The code word was, 'I'm sick or I have the flu.' That was my trigger to call the cops because she was locked in her bedroom," Wright told the court.

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No parachute, no problem

Man OK after jump from moving plane

A man flying into Toronto shocked his fellow passengers when he leaped from a moving plane at Pearson International airport early Monday.

The 32-year-old Toronto man was on a flight returning from Cuba when the incident took place just after midnight.

The plane landed safely and was taxiing towards its gate when the man opened an emergency exit and jumped, said Peel Regional Police.

"The door opened and somebody on the plane had to yell out that this gentleman had opened the door," said Const. Fiona Thivierge.

"Luckily, he was not injured."

It was discovered the man had mental health issues. He was taken to a local hospital.

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Lack of hard evidence puts the hurt on G20 police brutality case

Pics or it didn't happen. Victim struggles to prove that cop's riot shield caused broken shoulder

The first trial of a Toronto police officer facing criminal charges in the G20 protests is focusing on photos and video of one man's arrest, though none captured the moment he says he was hit with a riot shield.

Dorian Barton, whose shoulder was broken on June 26, 2010, had ventured down to the Ontario legislature to scope out the scene.

A line of police officers had formed to the south of him, and as he was facing east taking pictures he was hit from behind, Barton said.

A witness, Andrew Wallace, said he saw Barton, 32, getting "charged" by a police officer, who hit Barton with his shield, knocking him over, and then struck Barton with his baton.

"It was disgusting," he testified. "A police officer who, with no provocation ... charged an unarmed person."

Const. Glenn Weddell has pleaded not guilty to assault causing bodily harm and assault with a weapon. His lawyer said at the start of the trial that the only contact Weddell had with Barton was to help him up after he tripped.

Wallace was taking photographs of Barton's arrest and two videos of it also surfaced, yet none show Barton being knocked to the ground by a shield or being hit with a baton.

The clearest video starts with Barton already on the ground. One officer helps him up, and quickly he is surrounded by several other officers in riot gear. They usher him a few steps forward, then one of the officers appears to shove him. He trips over a curb and falls to the ground again.

The officer who pushed him quickly walks away and isn't seen on the video again.

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Const. Glenn Weddell, charged with assault causing bodily harm in the alleged beating of Dorian Barton.
RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Picked from the crowd

After the arrest, witness Andrew Wallace took photos of the officer who he said had hit the victim. Those photos were used to help identify Glenn Weddell.

U.S. cracks whip as Canada secures military intel

The United States carried out a rigorous followup with Canadian military intelligence centres in the wake of a navy spy scandal to ensure that new, stricter security protocols had been enacted, say multiple defence and intelligence sources.

American liaison officers were asked to verify that enhanced compliance and accountability measures for the handling of shared intelligence were in place and working, said a military source.

The Harper government has acknowledged that fixes were underway as a result of the Jeffrey Delisle case, but the scope of U.S. direction startled Wesley Wark, a visiting professor at the University of Ottawa's graduate school of public and international affairs.

Well-deserved

"I think Canada has got to take its lumps on this.... Our security system failed and failed abysmally."

Wesley Wark, visiting professor at the University of Ottawa's graduate school of public and international affairs

"As far as I'm aware, that is the first time in the history of Canada's allied relationships on the intelligence front that we've ever been faced with that kind of stringent requirement and deadline to fix things," Wark said in an interview.

"Perhaps the Americans didn't quite trust the Canadians to come up with a sufficient security fix, sufficiently quickly."

The increased oversight comes as a result of lapses that allowed former sub-lieutenant Jeffrey Delisle, 42, to use a floppy disk and thumb drive to copy and smuggle top secret information out of a Halifax intelligence centre.

Delisle, arrested in January 2012 by the RCMP, was sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to passing classified material to Russia in exchange for cash on a regular basis for more than four years.

Slow to act

The Canadian Press revealed this week that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) had Delisle under surveillance for months before the RCMP stepped in to build a criminal case.

Senior Canadian defence officials acknowledged the introduction of more stringent controls over the downloading and printing of classified information.

"What disturbs me is that the terminal with the most sensitive, top-secret information on it was not disabled and blocked from downloading to a removable device," one source said.

The Americans have since been trying to determine whether the improvements are adequate. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fundraising goal

$200K

American-based website Gawker on Monday hit its fundraising goal to buy what it says is a cellphone video appearing to show Ford smoking crack cocaine. Whether the site would in fact be able to collect the video as it has promised remained unclear. Gawker editor John Cook indicated he was having difficulty finding the video's owner. Gawker has promised to donate the money to a Canadian non-profit that deals with substance abuse if the deal were to fall through.

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford makes a statement to the media after the resignation of his communications aides, George Christopoulos and Isaac Ransom, in Toronto on Monday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two more top aides leave beleaguered Toronto mayor

'Soldiering on.'
Ford says his brother's executive assistant would become his new communications head

Rob Ford lost two more senior members of his staff Monday, leaving the already beleaguered mayor with an increasingly depleted office as he attempts to quell a still raging crack cocaine scandal.

The departure of Ford's press secretary and his deputy came days after his chief of staff and the mayor parted ways, but Ford insisted it would be "business as usual" at city hall.

"We're just soldiering on," Ford said.

Facing reporters, Ford would only say George Christopoulos and Isaac Ransom had "decided to go down a different avenue."

"I wish them the best of luck in their future endeavours."

He refused to talk about the circumstances, saying he never discusses "personnel issues."

Neither man offered any immediate explanation for their decision to leave, but within minutes, their email and cellphone accounts had been disabled.

Last week, it was announced that Ford's chief of staff Mark Towhey was no longer on staff — reportedly after advising the mayor to get help. Towhey said only that he did not resign.

In a tweet following word of the latest resignations Monday, Towhey called Christopoulos and Ransom "outstanding, honest and honourable professionals."

Before announcing the departures, Ford said Monday he wanted to "sincerely apologize" to reporters for derogatory remarks about the media. Over the weekend, Ford used his radio show to attack the media as a "bunch of maggots."

"It has been bothering me, a lot," he said of his comments, explaining he was under a lot of stress. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair asks a question during question period in the House of Commons on Monday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Avoiding taxation has equal representation

Opposition politicians have been hammering away at the Senate expenses scandal during question period, but the government is getting in some jabs of its own.

With Prime Minister Stephen Harper skipping the Monday session, as is his practice, it fell to Heritage Minister James Moore to deflect a barrage of Senate questions.

But recent missteps for both NDP Leader Tom Mulcair and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau made it easy for the government benches to blunt their attacks.

Mulcair wanted to know when Harper would provide answers about the $90,000 cheque written by the prime minister's former chief of staff to cover Sen. Mike Duffy's questionable expense claims.

"When will the prime minister take responsibility, show accountability and finally start answering questions?" Mulcair thundered.

Moore countered by bringing up NDP MP Tyrone Benskin, who Mulcair fired from his critic's job last week after he admitted he owed almost $60,000 in back taxes.

How many more of Mulcair's MPs are behind in their taxes? Moore wondered aloud.

Trudeau got up to promote Liberal efforts to move a motion before the Senate ethics committee to study the Senate scandal and call both Harper and Nigel Wright, his former chief of staff, to testify.

Instead, he got a pointed reminder of his comments about Senate reform, published in Montreal's Le Soleil, that landed him in hot water. Trudeau was expressing his opposition to abolishing the Senate when he pointed out that it gives Quebec an advantage — more seats than Alberta and British Columbia.

"It is kind of interesting to see him stand in the House and pretend as though he actually cares about Senate reform because he does not," Moore said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Robocalls

Ruling should help reforms: Ex-chief of Elections Canada

The former head of Elections Canada says a toughly worded Federal Court ruling helps make the case for reforming election campaign rules on robocalls before Canadians next go to the polls. Jean-Pierre Kingsley says there were two surprising elements in last week's judgment, which refused to overturn the 2011 election results in six different ridings.

Judge Richard Mosley ruled unequivocally that fraud did take place and his judgment linked that fraud directly to the Conservative party's internal database — but found no evidence that any Conservative candidate or official was involved. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Social security

Tribunal staffed with Tory donors

Up to a third of the people who landed cushy patronage jobs on the new Social Security Tribunal gave money to the Conservative party, Elections Canada records show.

As many as 16 of the 48 so far appointed to the tribunal donated money to the party, riding associations or candidates. None appear to have given money to any other party.

Questions first arose last week after it was revealed that as many as one of every five appointees to the EI Boards of Referees ran afoul of federal guidelines for political donations by giving money to the Conservative party during their terms. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec

OK to pray at city hall, court rules

A Quebec municipality has won the right to begin council meetings with a prayer, following a high-profile case that became part of the province's emotionally charged identity debates. The provincial Court of Appeal reversed the decision of a lower tribunal in the case of Saguenay, Que. It overturned the prayer ban in a decision made public Monday, saying that reciting a prayer does not violate the religious neutrality of the city. THE CANADIAN PRESS

New Yorkers learn to share

Tourists pose for photographs by a bicycle docking station near the Empire State building on Monday in New York City. The privately funded Citi Bike bike-share program launched Monday with 6,000 bikes at 330 docking stations in Manhattan and parts of Brooklyn. Officials hope to expand to 10,000 bikes. More than 9,000 people have signed up, and an annual membership costs $95 US. Mayor Michael Bloomberg calls the long-awaited program a "big win" for New York City residents and tourists.
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Prospect of U.S. border fees divides states north-south

Proposed study. Opposition to levies is strong in communities close to 49th parallel, but folks near Mexican border feel differently

Quoted

"(A border fee would be) a deterrent. They should be doing anything they can to get (Canadians) down here to buy more."

Michael Hill, who runs a gas station just south of the border in Washington state.

By Michael Hill's estimation, 90 per cent of the people pumping gas at his station just south of the U.S.-Canada border in Washington state are Canadians.

Gas north of the 49th parallel, he said, is about $1.30 per gallon more expensive than in the United States. But that's not the only product that Canadians seek in visits to Washington state: Beer, wine and milk are significantly cheaper (beer and wine alone are roughly half the price in the U.S.).

Add a strong Canadian dollar and the result is a key element of the economy in the towns of Whatcom County. For example, the town of Blaine, population just shy of 5,000, generates over $225,000 from a penny per gallon gas tax, which is about 30 per cent of its street maintenance budget.

That's why Hill and others are troubled by the notion of charging a fee to enter the U.S. by land. Last month, in its 2014 fiscal year budget proposal, the Department of Homeland Security requested permission to study a fee at the nation's land border crossings.

"It's a deterrent," said Hill, whose station is fully stocked with wine and has a reader board that says "Thank you Canadians."

"They should be doing anything they can to get them down here to buy more," he added.

That lone request sparked wide opposition among members of Congress from northern states, who vowed to stop it. A fee, they say, would hurt communities on the border that rely on people, goods and money moving between the U.S. and Canada.

Lawmakers and people from the southern border, though, did not show such strong opposition, highlighting a north-south divide on how to pay for border infrastructure.

A sign outside a gas station in Blaine, Wash., thanks cross-border shoppers for their business.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Democrat Congressman Ruben E. Hinojosa, who represents a district in Texas that includes McAllen and its nearby border region, said fees would be good if the revenue stream is used to improve infrastructure.

It now costs nothing to enter the U.S. by land. Air and sea crossings already have a fee of under $2 US, which are included in ticket prices.
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GE bets billions on fracking boom

Workers tend to a well head at a fracking operation in western Colorado. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

One of America's corporate giants is investing billions of dollars in the new boom of oil and gas drilling, or fracking.

General Electric Co. is opening a new laboratory in Oklahoma, buying up related companies, and placing a big bet that cutting-edge science will improve profits for clients and reduce the environmental and health effects of the boom.

"We like the oil and gas base because we see the need for resources for a long time to come," said Mark Little, a senior vice-president. He said GE did "almost nothing" in oil and gas just over a decade ago, but has invested more than $15 billion US in the past few years.

GE doesn't drill wells or produce oil or gas, but Little said the complexity of the fracking boom plays into the company strengths. Wells are being drilled horizontally at great depths in a variety of formations all around the country, and that means each location may require different techniques.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Air travel. Both sides confident of victory in T.O. waterfront jets fight

Both sides in the battle over whether to allow jets to fly out of Toronto's waterfront airport say they are confident that they will ultimately prevail.

Porter Airlines CEO Robert Deluce believes municipal politicians will give their nod because Porter's plan addresses the technical issues that concern most people.

"I think that we have an excellent chance of getting the required approvals that would allow these whisper jets to start operating by as early as January 2016," he said. Deluce was in Montreal on Monday to receive an honorary doctorate of science degree from McGill.

Toronto Coun. Adam Vaughan said he's equally sure that his colleagues will reject the effort when it comes back for a final vote. He said it would be very difficult to restrict the airport to just one type of jet.

Bob Deluce, CEO of Porter Airlines, announces a conditional order for 12 Bombardier CS100 jets in early April. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Toronto council recently voted 29-15 to send the proposal to staff for further study and recommendation. But Vaughan said many who voted yes indicated to him that they did so only because they want more information to back up their opposition. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montreal

SNC-Lavalin offers 'amnesty' to whistleblowers

SNC-Lavalin Group Inc. says it is making a limited-time offer of "amnesty" to whistleblowers within its workforce. The Montreal-based engineering giant says it won't seek damages or unilaterally fire employees who voluntarily provide a full, truthful report about potential corruption and anti-competitive activities.

SNC is undergoing both internal and police investigations for alleged fraud and corrupt practices in Canada and abroad by some former employees. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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FORGETTING FACES IS THE PITT'S

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If you're ever lucky enough to meet Brad Pitt face-to-face, you should know that he'll probably forget you right away. And it's not just because he's Brad Pitt the movie star who meets hundreds of new people on a weekly basis, it's because he might be 'face blind.'

In a recent interview with Esquire magazine, Pitt revealed that he believes he has prosopagnosia, a medical condition which makes it almost impossible for him to remember the faces of the people he meets. And while it might sound like a convenient excuse for an egocentric movie star's forgetfulness, this facial recognition disorder is actually surprisingly common — affecting about one in 50 people with varying degrees of severity.

But what about the rest of us?

A little memory lapse is forgivable every once in awhile, but I think there's something inherently arrogant about individuals who make little effort to remember other people. For most of us, recognizing familiar faces isn't the main issue — it's trying to remember names.

We've all found ourselves in that awkward situation: You see an acquaintance at a party and attempt to gauge whether or not they remember you while racking your brain to recall their first name. Eventually you're introduced to one another by a mutual friend and both awkwardly pretend that you're meeting for the first time. It seems to be an unspoken social rule that it's better to play dumb than actually admit you don't know each other's names.

From professional networking events to impromptu run-ins with high school classmates, forgetting someone's name can be an embarrassing blunder for everyone involved. It's hard to say whether it feels worse to be the nameless individual who can't seem to make a lasting impression or the jerk who can't be bothered to remember other people's names.

Whenever I hear someone quip, "Sorry, I'm so bad with names," I can't help but think that what they're truly saying is, "I won't be making an effort to think about you after this conversation." Sure you might make excuses about being hopelessly forgetful, but an inability to recall names does reflect your interest level in others — at least to some degree. If you aren't particularly concerned with developing interpersonal relationships, you'll be less likely to remember if your neighbour's name is Laura or Lauren.

People who are "good with names" aren't just well-mannered; they're attentive listeners with a higher level of investment in their social circles. And it's not just about winning friends; some of the most successful businesspeople are the ones that have a knack for names and memorizing details about their clients and customers.

There's no doubt first impressions are important and although it might seem like a small detail, remembering a name is one of those vital social graces that can make or break a relationship with a new(ish) acquaintance.

Unless you're Brad Pitt of course; I'd be happy to forgive him for forgetting me.

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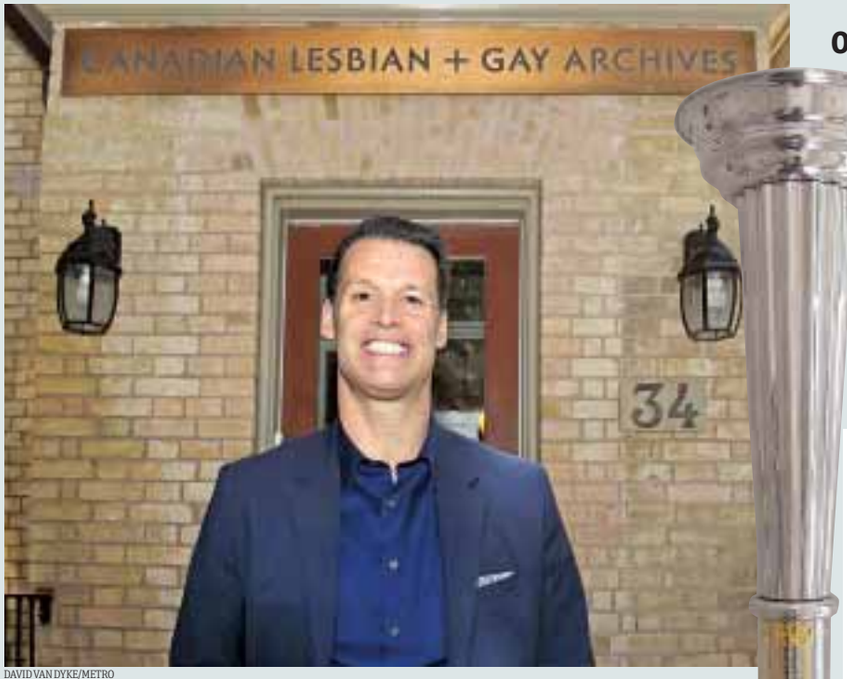
ZOOM

Passing the Olympic torch



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Olympic pride returns home

Mark Tewksbury received the torch in Athens, Greece, in 1996, when he took part in a ceremony commemorating the centennial of the Summer Olympics. After the event, each athlete was presented with a torch to take home. METRO

Coming out sparks LGBT donation

Mark Tewksbury, winner of the gold medal for the 100 metres backstroke at the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain, donated an Olympic torch in support of Come Out and Play, the gala fundraiser in support of the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives and OutSport Toronto.

"I wanted something to represent that moment in history," said Tewksbury, who came out in 1998, adding that, in a way, this is about passing the torch to a new generation of LGBT athletes. METRO

Momentum

"It's starting to pop again."

Mark Tewksbury, Olympian, said of athletes coming out and referencing the recent announcement by professional basketball player Jason Collins that he is gay, and out soccer player Robbie Rogers making his Major League Soccer debut with the Los Angeles Galaxy last week. Tewksbury's advice to athletes trying to decide whether to come out: "Do it in your own time."

The archives

- The Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives (clga.ca) is a repository for books, documents and other material related to the LGBT community in Canada.
- Among the other sports-related items at the archives is a championship belt donated by boxer Mark Leduc, who won a silver medal at the 1992 Barcelona Summer Olympics and came out in 1994.

Click bait

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I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but somewhere out there lurks an unflattering photo of you. Of all of us. Which means we're all one dry joke written in impact font away from becoming an unwitting Internet meme. Just ask these three, who eventually learned to embrace their, um, fame.

Scumbag Steve:

Clad in questionable fashion while leering through an open door, Blake Boston became the perfect stand-in for boorish, selfish behaviour. But, when he finally got wise to his fame he handled it like Good Guy Greg. @BlakeBoston617

Overly Attached Girlfriend:

While filming a Justin Bieber parody video, Laina Walker wore a wide-eyed stare of unhealthy devotion that became a touchstone for anybody who has dealt with a partner's warped definition of "caring." But don't be fooled, she actually seems lovely. @laina622

Grumpy Cat:

So, saying Grumpy Cat is handling her fame well would perhaps be giving too much credit to the emotional range of your standard house cat. But then again, how would you be able to tell? @RealGrumpyCat

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Canadians are making a stink over maple syrup-scented bills. How would you like money to smell?

@thepolishviking: like fresh cut greens, of course

@kerbizz: like money!! $

@CHFIErin: How would I like $100 bills to smell? Just like the inside of my purse, for starters!

@Hockeyangel10: Like a freshly brewed cup of Tim Hortons coffee!!!

@FrenchmanCanada: Imagine telling someone "You smell like a million dollars!"?

@mattsnothere: My cash usually smells like futility and sadness. So anything that's not that.

@karen_dorward: Bacon! So I can literally bring home the bacon. :)

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So, you think you know Soderbergh?

Career in review. There are whispers the filmmaker has had his final hurrah — so what better time to look back on his Hollywood legacy?

MATTHEW PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

Soderbergh has had highs and lows in his career. GETTY IMAGES

Behind the Candelabra, starring Michael Douglas as Liberace and Matt Damon as his younger lover, premiered Sunday on HBO Canada. Most of the coverage, inevitably, has revolved around two major male stars playing gay together, as well as Douglas' spot-on impersonation as the flamboyant (and closeted) pianist.

Somewhat under reported is that this is the alleged final film of Steven Soderbergh, the storied and award-winning director who, among many other things, helped breathe life into both independent and mainstream American cinema.

Soderbergh had threatened to retire a few years ago, citing exhaustion with the movie business, and even with moviemaking itself. His plan is to concentrate on painting and maybe do some TV. It's very possible (or we're simply hoping) this is a Jay-Z-style "retirement" — a sabbatical/mental health break that will set up a triumphant return to the medium he conquered. But for now, Candelabra is his swan song.

(Although if you really want to be a stickler, Side Effects, his last film released theatrically, is his farewell to cinema. But Candelabra is currently in competition at the Cannes Film Festival.)

In honour of this perhaps non-ending to what we feel has been a fantastic and thrilling career, filled with excellent and experimental work that flexed the muscles of what mainstream (and underground) film can do, we've decided to round up a handful of amusing tidbits about the director that might have flown over many people's heads.

His first film was a Yes concert documentary

Soderbergh was only 26 when his debut fiction feature, Sex, Lies and Videotape, won the Palme d'Or at Cannes. Young as that seems — and he was the youngest director to have a film win the festival's top prize — it wasn't his first. That would be Yes 9012Live, released in 1985, and featuring lots of then-cutting-edge video editing effects as the prog rock legends played one of their most popular albums. (It's the one with Owner of a Lonely Heart.) Released on video, it was even nominated for a Grammy. It still took him another four years to get a real feature off the ground — but it's OK because he was still only in his mid-20s.

His ex-wife was the body double for Jessica Rabbit

Till 1994, Soderbergh was married to Betsy Brantley, an actress who has two minor credits in major motion pictures: she was the body double for Roger Rabbit's curvy wife, and she was Fred Savage's mother in The Princess Bride. Brantley also played his wife in the no-budget 1996 comedy Schizopolis, two years after they were divorced.

DVD reviews

Beautiful Creatures

Director. Richard LaGravenese

Stars. Alden Ehrenreich, Alice Englert, Viola Davis

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A momentous life change awaits Lena Duchannes (Alice Englert) upon her 16th birthday: She'll officially become a witch or simply remain a bitch. The terminology in Beautiful Creatures, a movie of heaving bosoms, hearty winks and atrocious southern accents, is that Lena will be "claimed" by family voodoo and involuntarily turned Dark (extremely witchy) or Light (merely bitchy). You might well argue there's not much difference between the two, and that's certainly the view of Lena's erstwhile boyfriend Ethan Wate (Alden Ehrenreich), who is tired of being treated as a doormat by fretful Lena and her freaky kinfolk. But Ethan appreciates absurdity, maybe because he looks like a younger version of Johnny Knoxville from Jackass. So does the movie, written and directed by Richard LaGravenese (P.S. I Love You), which makes this inevitable attempt to fill the post-Twilight void of supernatural teen romance easy to take.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Amanda Bynes

Bristling Bynes lets off too much steam on Twitter

Amanda Bynes is on the warpath, taking to Twitter to blast media outlets that reported on her recent arrest and start trouble with pop star Rihanna.

Bynes tweeted directly at the singer with the shocking, "Chris Brown beat you because you're not pretty enough." She followed that up with, "I almost named my new dog Rihanna." She later deleted all posts related to the singer. As for the media, responding to E! News' report that she'd thrown a bong out her apartment window before being arrested, Bynes tweeted: "Nothing was thrown out the window! They asked if a vase was a bong, to which I replied no, that's a vase. "Stop writing pathetic articles about me! E! isn't run by beauty queens like me! I've met you all! You're a bunch of drug users and alcoholics! I don't drink or do drugs!"

The Word

Pattinson packs up — pooches and all — and moves out of casa del K-Stew

Robert Pattinson spent Memorial Day weekend moving back into his own home, a Spanish-style villa similar to ex-girlfriend Kristen Stewart's and only a few miles away in the Los Feliz neighbourhood of L.A., according to TMZ. He was spotted last week removing belongings — as well as his two dogs — from Stewart's nearby home, which the two had been sharing. Stewart, meanwhile, was caught off-guard by a swarm of paparazzi in an underground parking garage this weekend and responded with a pair of middle fingers.

Damon Lindelof

Dammit, man, he's a writer, not a damage control expert

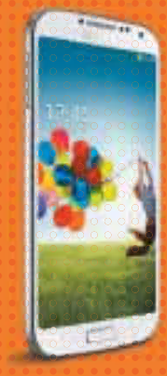
Star Trek Into Darkness writer Damon Lindelof is doing damage control after waves of criticism over a shot in the film of actress Alice Eve in her underwear. "I copped to the fact that we should have done a better job of not being gratuitous in our representation of a barely clothed actress," he wrote on Twitter. "We also had Kirk shirtless in underpants in both movies. Do not want to make light of something that some construe as misogynistic. What I'm saying is I hear you, I take responsibility, and will be more mindful in the future."

Twitter

@ChloeGMoretz
Hell yeah Disney Land

@TomArnold
A nice glass of wine can make any meal a relapse.

@AnnaKendrick47
No Game of Thrones this week. So, I'm just gonna go back to sleep for another 7 days.



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Without protection, summer paradise can be a nightmare

Summer health. Check your body — and your SPF — to stay safe this summer when you're having fun in the sun

Even though skin cancer can be as deadly as breast or any other cancer, people still take chances with sun and tanning bed exposure. Every year, there are more new cases of skin cancer than breast, prostate, lung and colon cancer combined, according to The Skin Cancer Foundation.

We had Dr. Sarah Gora, medical and scientific relations leader at Vichy Laboratories, and Dr. Ellen Marmur, a board-certified dermatologist and member of the American Academy of Dermatology, give us the lowdown on staying healthy.

Are people wearing enough sunscreen?

"No, most people don't, and most people apply sunscreen too thinly. At Vichy we recommend using half a teaspoon for the face and at least 30 ml (the equivalent of a golf ball) for an adult body," says Gora. A good general rule, she adds, is to reapply every two hours of sun time. If you're swimming and perspiring apply more often. "(People) forget about their ears, their neck, the back of their hands, parts of their feet, their scalp and their lips. And if you can't reach it, have someone apply sunscreen there for you."

Tanning beds

Did you know?

- **Get out of the bed.** Just one (one!) session in a tanning bed ups your risk of melanoma by 20 per cent, according to The Skin Cancer Foundation.

Metro's pick

- **Hate the greasy feel of sunscreen?** Vichy Capital Soleil Sheer Lotion SPF 45 Bare Skin Feel ($29.95) is designed to feel light on the skin, with a non-oil or sticky finish.

What SPF should we all be wearing?

"The choice of the SPF index (UVB only) depends on your skin's phototype and the sun exposure length and intensity. If your phototype index is low (fair skin), it requires a higher SPF index," says Gora. "Intense exposure to sun, such as a day on the beach, also requires a higher SPF index and a protection against UVA. For a weak sun exposition and for the average person, we recommend a minimum SPF index of 30."

Lather up before you lap up those rays. ISTOCK PHOTOS

Seriously, stop tanning

"Tanning beds are known to increase the risk of skin cancers by 75 per cent," Marmur says. "No one should use them."

Can you please explain the difference between UVA and UVB?

"From sun radiation, we receive ultraviolet (UV) rays A and B (UVC are globally stopped by the ozone layer). UVB (five per cent of UV rays) are well-known to be responsible for tan and sunburn, but they are also involved in skin cancer development," says Gora. "UVB rays do not cross through glass and are partially absorbed by cloud. Therefore they are mainly present during the summer and between 10 and 2 p.m. UVA (short and long) represent 95 per cent of the UV radiation received. They are not blocked by glass and they are responsible for immediate pigmentation, skin aging, sun intolerance and skin cancer. Long UVA, the most prominent UV rays (75 per cent of UV rays) penetrate deeply into the skin and are responsible for many damages in the skin with a build-up and long term effects."

LINDA CLARKE AND METRO

Superstar support

Landon Donovan on why sunscreen matters

Landon Donovan has won titles on the pitch, but now he's trying to help out off it.

"I've spent most of my life playing soccer outdoors, but I wasn't always diligent in applying sunscreen. That all changed when my father discovered a bump on his eyelid that turned out to be skin cancer. My father was lucky to have caught it early. He's now cancer-free. Many men overlook the importance of sun protection. In 2012, The Skin Cancer Foundation found that nearly half of men don't wear sunscreen. So, I've partnered with The Skin Cancer Foundation and the makers of Banana Boat and Hawaiian Tropic sunscreens to educate men on the risk and how they can protect themselves. Visit sunblunders.com to learn more."

Landon Donovan. GETTY IMAGES

Shellfish Kabobs are easy as presto, or in this case, pesto

This recipe serves four and contains 229 calories and 11 grams of fat per serving. BRIAN MACDONALD, ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

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These shellfish kabobs make a great appetizer or an entree when served over rice or couscous. If shellfish isn't what you like, fish such as salmon and halibut are equally delicious. Feel free to use any combination of vegetables (as in the photo).

If you're using wooden skewers, soak them for at least 20 minutes in water before barbecuing.

Ingredients

- 8 oz medium scallops
- 8 oz peeled and deveined large shrimp
- 16 cherry tomatoes (or a combination of bell pepper and red onion)
- 1 cup packed fresh basil leaves
- 2 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tbsp toasted pine nuts
- 2 tbsp light cream cheese
- 1 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 3 tbsp low-sodium chicken stock or water
- 2 tbsp olive oil

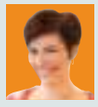
1. Thread the scallops, shrimp and tomatoes evenly onto 4 large or 8 small skewers.

2. To make the pesto, purée the basil, Parmesan, pine nuts, cream cheese, garlic, stock and oil in the bowl of a small food processor until smooth. Brush half the pesto over the kabobs.

3. Preheat a grill to high, or spray a non-stick skillet with cooking oil and place over high heat. Grill or sauté the kabobs on both sides just until cooked, about 5 minutes. Serve with the remaining pesto. ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN

Health Solutions

Vinegar isn't just for windows



NUTRI-BITES
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Thank goodness the balsamic vinegar bullying is over.

The range of vinegars goes well beyond the bold or the pale white. The nuance of tastes and uses of vinegar is coming into its own.

Aging in oak barrels and imported starters called "vinegar mother" are creating exquisite products.

Gingras Vinegars, for instance, say "the noble vinegar mother from France converts alcohol to acetic acid in apple cider. The oak cask imparts flavour and colour." Sounds a lot like fine wine and not something you sprinkle on fries.

- Snazzy cocktail makers are using a splash in drinks
- Salads benefit from a finer, less sharp, richer vinegar
- Many swear by a teaspoonful of apple cider vinegar for indigestion
- A splash of vinegar in a broth helps remove more calcium from bones to the liquid
- Boil down a cheaper vinegar to intensify its flavour and use as a drizzle

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Lunch. Grilled Sausage with Fire-Roasted Peppers

Serve these sausages on a crusty bun with lots of brown German mustard and caramelized onions and you'll be in love.

But remember these safety aspects every time you grill: Do not lean over a barbecue grill when igniting, when lighting a gas grill, the lid should always be open; and always use heat-resistant barbecue mitts or gloves and long-handled tools.

Ingredients

- 3 red or yellow bell peppers
- 4 uncooked sausages, such as bratwurst, beer brats, cheddar brats, Italian, etc.
- 4 hard rolls
- Spicy brown German mustard
- Caramelized onions (optional)

1. Heat the grill to high.

2. While the grill heats, set the bell peppers on the grill grates. Cook them, turning occasionally, until the skin blackens and blisters all over. Remove the peppers from the grill and place each one in lunch-size paper bag or air-tight container. Close bags or container and let them rest until they are cool to the touch.

3. Carefully rub off and discard the skin from the peppers, then cut out and discard cores. Cut each pepper into strips; set aside.

4. After the peppers are done, close the grill lid and wait for the grill to reach 550 F. Once the grill is at temperature, adjust one side to medium and other to very low to allow for indirect grilling.

5. Prick each sausage with a toothpick in few places to ensure that they won't explode on grill. Place sausages directly on clean cooking grates on cooler side of grill. Cook, turning occasionally, about 30 minutes, or until browned and sizzling.

6. Remove the sausages from the grill, let them sit for 3 minutes. Serve the sausages on a crusty bun, topped with fire-roasted peppers, brown mustard and caramelized onions, if you desire. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ELIZABETH KARMEL, THE AUTHOR OF SOAKED, SLATHERED AND SEASONED

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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These moms curse a lot, drink to excess, reveal scary truths and draw twisted little stick figures of their kids pooping and whining relentlessly. And they're bringing their derelict parenting to you. The authors behind a fresh round of parenting books love their munchkins, to be sure, but there's something about the scorched earth narrative that sells memoirish parenting books these days. Is the goal an instructional one? Inspirational? How about some advice?

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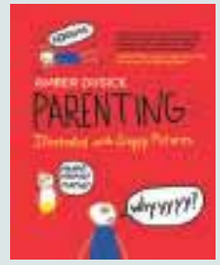
Four ways to get fresh parenting advice

Scary mommy

Jill Smokler's Scary Mommy certainly can't do it all. Motherhood Comes Naturally (And Other Vicious Lies) is her second spin off of her popular blog and parenting community at Scarymommy.com. The first was Confessions of a Scary Mommy. The 35-year-old mom of three, including boys just 20 months apart, has noticed a difference in exactly how much filth and frustration parents are willing to reveal in the five long years since she first put up her blog.

"There wasn't this acceptance about being this sort of less-than-perfect mother, but all of a sudden it feels like that is becoming the norm rather than the exception," said Smokler, in Baltimore, Md. "There came a tipping point where everybody just couldn't keep up that facade anymore and there was just a backlash, and here we are."

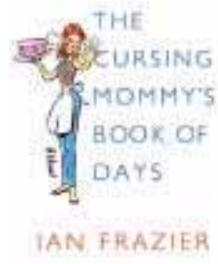
No advice



"No, there isn't any. I don't have anything. No advice. Nobody has any advice," laughed Amber Dusick, a Los Angeles mother of two who brings us Parenting: Illustrated with Crappy Pictures. The book's 50 "crappy laws of parenting" include this at No. 16: "When you sneak to the pantry to eat chocolate, you will get caught."

Dusick, whose boys are six and three, began blogging nearly two years ago. Her childlike drawings lend a creepy air to life with the Crappy family, including that fateful day when they all get sick. Tempers and temperatures flare, and bodily fluids fly all night, brought alive by her hollow-eyed illustrations.

The expletive-infused parent



Ian Frazier's popular cursing mommy character from his columns in The New Yorker now has her own novel called The Cursing Mommy's Book of Days, a diary of dereliction spread over a year of boozing, bad parenting and expletive-infused mockery of a capacitor-hoarding husband named Larry.

There's this entry for Wednesday, April 13: "Yes, lying in a steaming tub with a bottle of Kahlua and ignoring the children's knocks on the bathroom door all afternoon is not the most mature coping strategy. So stipulated, your honour!"

Can you do it all?

"We've opened up the dialogue," offered Nicole Knepper, who has two kids and wrote Moms who Drink and Swear, complete with a chapter titled, Suck it, Santa Claus.

"People have really found ways to be more authentic about who they are and how it affects us as parents. My mom's generation, they did a lot of pushing down their own interests and their own personalities because they were all about the kids, and this was their job and their focus, whereas my generation (She's 43 and lives in Plainfield, Ill.), the expectations are different. You multi-task. You do it all, only nobody can do it all well."

Are you going to get into your dream home?

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There are a few million millennials dying to have a home of their own.

However, despite record low interest rates, they're confronted with huge challenges not faced by previous generations.

Aside from anything else, research is clear that young buyers are earning relatively less than their parents did with reduced job security and fewer benefits regardless of education.

The good news is the real estate market is softening. Sales volumes are declining and unsold inventories are building, historically both are precursors of lower prices.

For example, the Halton Region is a desirable community served by rapid transit just outside Toronto. According to real estate and mortgage agent Domenic Manchisi, residential inventory stood at 1.9 months a year ago. It's now 2.6 months, meaning if no other properties came on the market it would take that long to sell everything.

"When inventories reach about four and a half months we're slipping into a buyer's market," he says.

It's still a far cry from 2009 when there was 7.5 to eight months of inventory in Halton. However, there are clear signs across the country that the trend is similarly tilting in favour of house hunters.

The toughest part of buying for newbies is the down payment. Manchisi advises buyers to focus on carrying costs, which are relatively lower than they were for their parents.

TD senior economist Sonya Gulati points out that 1988 average house prices were just under $130,000 in Canada. Today they are just more than $361,000.

Assuming a typical 10 per cent down payment, millennial parents had monthly mortgage costs of $1,310 with an interest rate of 12 per cent. Today, at a three per cent fixed rate and with a 20 per cent down payment (required to avoid mandatory mortgage insurance) the monthly outlay would be $1,391. (Bear in mind today's dollar has considerably less buying power than it did in 1988.)

"Young buyers should look at a five-year closed rate at around 2.9 per cent, but I'd be accelerating my payments as if it was four per cent," Manchisi advises.

Manchisi refinanced his rental properties when rates plunged but kept the payments at 5 per cent.

"I shaved six or seven years off the life of the mortgages and will end up saving $90,000."

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French Open

Montrealer wins Grand Slam debut

Playing in her first Grand Slam main draw, Montreal native Eugenie Bouchard defeated Tsvetana Pironkova 6-1, 7-6 (2) Monday to reach the second round of the French Open.

Next up for Bouchard — defending champion Maria Sharapova. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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NASCAR

Fox Sports still unsure why camera cable snapped

Fox Sports says on Monday it still had not determined why an overhead TV camera cable snapped during the Coca-Cola 600.

The network says a full investigation is underway and use of the camera is suspended indefinitely. Earlier, NASCAR said it would wait for Fox Sports to conclude its review before deciding if such technology would be used in future races.

Charlotte Motor Speedway said 10 people were injured when part of the drive rope landed in the grandstand; three were taken to hospitals. All were checked out and released soon after.

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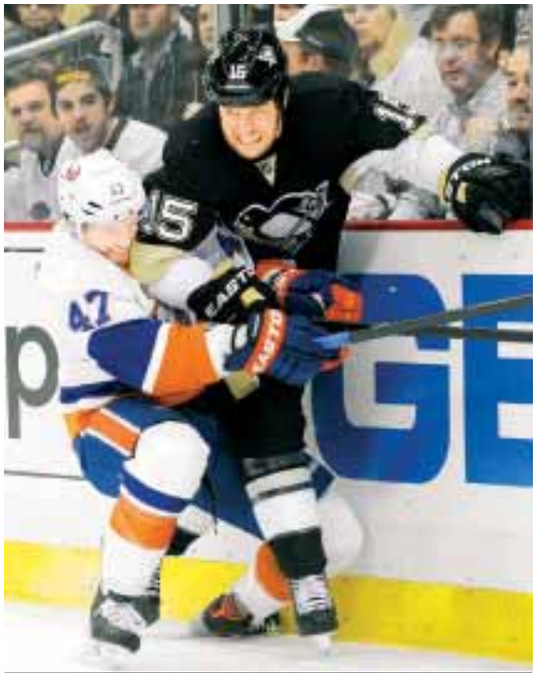
All fired up

"I don't think that he should not play with intensity or dial it down."

Jose Bautista on Blue Jays teammate Brett Lawrie and his angry dugout exchange with manager John Gibbons on Sunday. Lawrie has since apologized to the team.

Pens' supporting cast adds depth to The Crosby Show



The Penguins' Tanner Glass battles Andrew MacDonald of the Islanders for a loose puck during their first-round playoff series on May 3. Glass has had his share of time as a healthy scratch lately. VINCENT PUGLIESE/GETTY IMAGES

NHL playoffs. Role players contributing in big ways when given the opportunities

Tanner Glass started every game for the Pittsburgh Penguins in the regular season, his grit providing the fourth line with a rugged presence to take some of the heat off superstars Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin.

Playing time has proven more difficult in the post-season. Glass has watched six of Pittsburgh's last seven games from the press box. It's an ego-testing vantage point for a player who helped the Vancouver Canucks to the Stanley Cup final two years ago.

Glass is healthy. He's just not a part of coach Dan Bylsma's plan at the moment.

Such is both the blessing and the curse of playing for the league's most talent-laden roster.

"You look at the lineup, you can't say, 'I should be in ahead of this guy or that guy,'" Glass said. "On this team, we've got such a deep team and such a great group of players, you've just got to stay ready."

Hardly an issue these days for the Penguins, who have roared into the Eastern Conference final against Boston on the strength of their stars and a supporting cast that is showing Pittsburgh is hardly just "The Crosby Show."

The Penguins currently have eight players in the top 20 in post-season scoring through the first two rounds. Sure, Malkin and Crosby are doing their thing — combining for 31 points through 11 games — but Pittsburgh is also receiving instant offence from the plug-and-play guys toward the bottom of the depth chart.

Forwards Tyler Kennedy, Joe Vitale, Beau Bennett, Jussi Jokinen and Brenden Morrow have joined Glass as healthy scratches. All five have found ways to respond when they see their number written on the dry erase board following a game-day skate.

Kennedy came off the bench to spark a win in Game 5 of the first-round series with the New York Islanders and hasn't missed a game since. Vitale missed the first four games of the New York series but produced an assist for his first NHL playoff point in Game 5. Morrow didn't dress for a playoff game for the first time in his 13-year career in Game 4 against Ottawa, then responded with the opening goal in the series clincher two nights later. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Favourable matchups

Dan Bylsma downplays the suggestion that he has a sixth sense for when a role player is "due." Whenever he shakes things up, it's more based on scouting and matchups than gut instinct.

- "We have good players that are not in the lineup," Bylsma said. "When we inserted (Joe Vitale) into the first-round series, his skill set ... his speed was something we thought we needed, and he made an immediate impact when he came into that series."

Verlander of old helps Tigers sink Pirates

As one of the game's top pitchers, Justin Verlander can accept a little more scrutiny.

He welcomes it, in fact. So there was no grousing from the Detroit ace when he took some heat after three straight ragged starts.

Instead, Verlander went back to work, and on Monday he returned to form a bit, striking out 13 in seven innings to lead the Tigers to a 6-5 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates. Detroit's Jhonny Peralta had four hits, and the Tigers held on for their sixth win in seven games.

"I expect the bar to be high," Verlander said. "That's where I set it for myself."

Verlander (6-4) hadn't pitched more than five innings in any of his previous three starts, struggling at times with his location. But he was sharp for the most part against Pittsburgh, allowing three runs and seven hits with two walks.

Joaquin Benoit allowed two runs — one earned — in the eighth. Jose Valverde finished for his sixth save in seven chances, striking out a swinging Andrew McCutchen with a runner on first to end it.

Verlander set a season high for strikeouts, although he said his fastball control still wasn't quite good enough.

"Better? Yes. Where I want it? No," he said. "You have a couple bad starts, and the world's on your shoulder — 'What's wrong? What's wrong?' — but hey, that comes with the territory. I'm OK with that. I can deal with it."

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Tiger tricks

"He's swinging a magic wand right now."

Tigers outfielder Torii Hunter on teammate Jhonny Peralta, who had his first four-hit game since June 4, 2010 on Monday. The Detroit shortstop is now hitting .341 — 102 points higher than where he finished 2012.

Justin Verlander GETTY IMAGES

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Think big today. With so much activity in the mind area of your chart, your brain will be overflowing with ideas. Many of them will be good.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Venus, your ruler, links with Jupiter, planet of good fortune, in the money area of your chart today, which suggests good things if you think positive and act fast when an opportunity arises.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
No matter how many serious issues you have to take care of, you must make time for some fun over the next 24 hours. There are so many great things going on in your world. Don't miss out on them.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You may be tempted to keep your thoughts to yourself because you don't want to rock the boat but you know that would be a mistake. If you see an injustice, speak up.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Push work worries to the back of your mind and focus on friendships. You cannot escape your obligations but neither do you have to let them rule your life. Think happy thoughts and happy things will occur.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Whatever it is you have to work on today, you will be at your most efficient. Not everyone is as organized and focused as you though so try to be patient with those who find it hard to keep up.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Someone you work with will get on your nerves today but be tolerant because they possess something you need. It's unlikely they will choose to give it to you if you hurt their feelings.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Don't worry too much about the injustices of the world because you cannot possibly resolve them all. What you can do though is be kind to people you meet one-to-one. Even a smile makes the world better.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Don't listen to that nagging voice at the back of your mind that is trying to convince you that having fun is a sin. Life is about loving and laughing and learning. Have more fun.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Do something that shakes up those people who seem to have slipped into an easygoing mode of thought and action. There is a world out there waiting to be conquered.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your conscience demands that you follow a certain course of action and you know from long experience that if you don't obey, you will regret it later. Do what has to be done and make sure you do it well.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may want to gossip today but keep what you know to yourself. If you get a reputation as a bit of a blabbermouth, no one will tell you anything.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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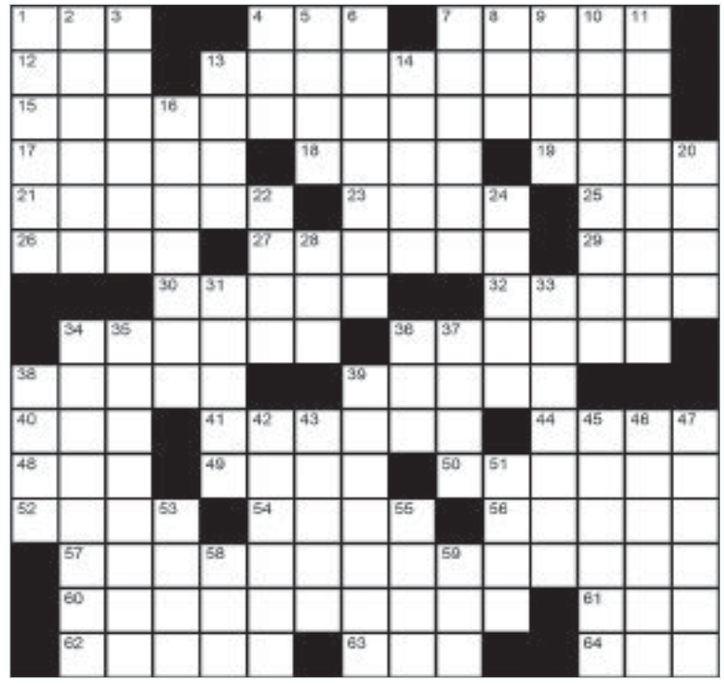
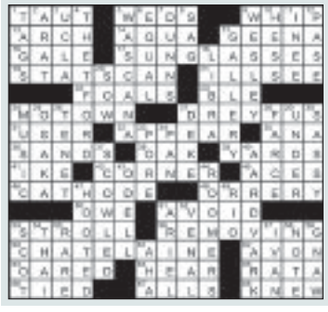


Across
1. Canuck financial inst.
4. '70s sitcom starring Don Rickles, "___ Sharkey"
7. Ancient philosopher
12. Leandro's beloved
13. Metal band of "Run to the Hills": 2 wds.
15. Water between PEI and NB/NS, __ Strait
17. Tedium
18. Mark from hail damage
19. Calendar's period
21. Surgically-inserted 'tubes'
23. __-tongued
25. Tina Turner's birth name, Anna __ Bullock
26. Head, in Hull
27. Moviedom's Jack Sparrow, for one
29. Plane's take-off info
30. Reprimand
32. Bluegrass instrument
34. Gets around, as an issue
36. __-Anne-des-Monts, Quebec
38. Feudal†lord
39. Johnny Depp's role in movie "The Lone Ranger"
40. Insect immobilizer
41. Walked confidently
44. Commercial, e.g.: 2 wds.
48. Ball
49. Cooking fat
50. Ground sesames paste
52. Actress Ms. Phillips
54. Father of Manitoba
56. Mails
57. Gothic church's architectural support: 2 wds.
60. Aristocratic headwear at races or weddings
61. Riddle-me-__
62. Followers
63. Snazzy stone
64. Yeps

Down
1. Make a new home, as a bird
2. English novelist Emily (b.1818 - d.1848)
3. Trumpet-like instrument
4. Grand __ (Wine classification)
5. Ceremonial magnificence
6. In agreement, as with a project: 2 wds.
7. "Sit down already!": 2 wds.
8. Rap music's Kim
9. Meat Loaf's birth name, Marvin Lee __
10. Slumlord's housing
11. Michael __ (Canadian author of Booker Prize winning novel The English Patient)
13. "___ the jackpot!!!"
14. Holy birthplace of Muhammad
16. Listens to the radio: 2 wds.
20. Fix over again
22. Detect
24. Credit's opposite
28. They, in Montreal
31. Salad green
33. One more
34. Lawmen in Western movies
35. Reason for Madonna's red string bracelet
36. Saskatchewan attraction, Addison __ House
37. Without _ __ (Daringly)
38. Deuces
39. One's great for carrying books: 2 wds.
42. Produce purchase
43. Rule on the throne
45. Hangout for grapes
46. CBC's Atlantic Canada themed program, "Land __ __"
47. Slangy insults
51. Stars sci.
53. Wall St. landmark, commonly
55. Minstrel's pear-shaped instrument
58. Freezer tray content
59. Mr. Cruise

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	7		9		3		2	
		6	4		5	1		
	5	3				7	8	
			7		2			
2								1
			5		4			
	3	1				5	4	
		2	3		8	9		
	8		1		6		3	

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	1	4	3	6	8	7	9	5
6	8	9	1	7	5	3	4	2
7	3	5	9	2	4	8	6	1
9	7	8	4	1	6	5	2	3
1	5	3	2	8	9	6	7	4
4	6	2	7	5	3	1	8	9
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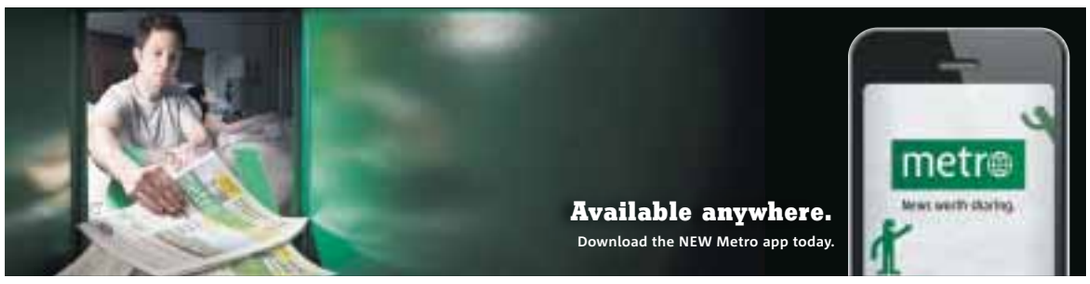

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